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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Census—			
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701
At 31st December—			
1942	970,410	989,086	1,959,496
1943	976,345	997,188	1,973,533
1944	983,251	1,006,619	1,989,870
1945	990,858	1,015,791	2,006,649
1946	999,584	1,025,891	2,025,475
1947 (a)	1,016,950	1,044,739	2,061,689
1948 (a)	1,040,640	1,065,675	2,106,315
1949 (a)	1,073,298	1,091,033	2,164,331

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—Particulars are estimated in respect of dates other than census dates.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.(a)			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1945	16,501	41,200	20,496	1,155	8·22	20·53	10·21	28·03
1946	21,405	46,693	21,534	1,268	10·57	23·05	10·63	27·16
1947	20,437	47,366	21,442	1,245	9·95	23·06	10·44	26·28
1948	20,035	46,099	21,825	1,103	9·59	22·06	10·44	23·93
1949	20,066	46,873	21,991	1,026	9·38	21·92	10·28	21·89
					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population.			
1949—								
March Quarter	5,160	11,591	4,606	256	9·80	22·01	8·75	22·09
June Quarter	5,136	11,003	5,525	234	9·66	20·69	10·39	21·27
September Quarter ..	4,129	11,945	6,707	289	7·72	22·34	12·54	24·19
December Quarter ..	5,641	12,334	5,153	247	(b)	(b)	(b)	20·03

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Not available.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—		December Quarter—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
Tuberculosis	641	587	164	137
Cancer	2,895	3,112	727	769
Diabetes	453	459	110	93
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c. ..	2,446	2,488	572	619
Diseases of the Heart	7,093	7,160	1,793	1,651
Arteriosclerosis	473	506	126	89
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia ..	1,242	1,175	292	262
Nephritis	1,143	1,064	300	254
Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life ..	637	601	172	153
Senility	585	520	135	129
Accidental Deaths	961	1,018	234	243

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)	
MALES.											
1933—June ..	73.2	215.4	288.6	4.1	(e)	38.7	42.3	65.3		32.8	
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9	
1941—July ..	106.8	296.6	403.4	5.8	166.6	40.5	48.4	28.8	34.0	35.1	
1942—June ..	113.8	261.7	375.5	4.6	167.0	29.2	47.4	22.5	27.7	30.3	
1943—June ..	107.0	248.2	355.2	3.7	168.5	16.2	46.0	20.2	24.9	28.1	
1944—June ..	106.5	245.6	352.1	3.4	167.0	16.6	45.5	20.3	26.0	30.0	
1945—August ..	106.2	254.6	360.8	3.6	166.7	21.7	47.3	22.3	28.1	32.1	
1946—June ..	115.2	302.7	417.9	4.4	179.8	32.0	55.0	29.6	37.9	38.1	
1947—June ..	125.9	326.7	452.6	4.5	184.3	38.4	59.8	32.7	43.4	42.4	
1948—June ..	131.7	341.6	473.3	4.8	192.7	42.1	62.4	34.6	46.1	44.4	
1949—June ..	138.1	351.5	489.6	4.8	193.4	46.2	66.2	35.4	47.9	46.4	
October	141.4	352.2	493.6	4.8	196.0	47.6	66.9	35.4	48.8	46.2	
November	142.5	354.8	497.3	4.8	197.1	48.2	66.7	36.0	49.5	46.6	
December	145.2	355.2	500.4	4.8	197.3	48.5	67.9	36.5	50.0	46.4	
1950—January	145.7	356.2	501.9	4.9	198.2	49.2	67.4	35.9	50.3	46.6	
February	147.0	357.5	504.5	4.9	198.4	50.6	68.2	36.0	50.1	46.8	
March ..	143.1	361.0	504.1	4.9	200.3	50.7	63.7	36.0	51.1	47.6	
FEMALES.											
1933—June ..	13.9	104.3	118.2	..	(e)	0.2	3.3	26.6		36.9	
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3	
1941—July ..	25.8	160.2	186.0	0.1	79.1	0.4	5.9	29.7	12.1	42.3	
1942—June ..	37.1	161.4	198.5	0.2	82.7	0.5	8.1	29.9	14.4	43.5	
1943—June ..	45.8	159.6	205.4	0.1	86.1	0.5	11.0	28.0	14.2	44.1	
1944—June ..	44.4	153.9	198.3	0.1	82.4	0.5	11.2	26.7	14.4	44.9	
1945—August ..	40.7	151.6	192.3	0.1	79.9	0.5	10.9	26.6	14.6	46.0	
1946—June ..	30.6	153.1	183.7	0.1	75.2	0.6	9.4	27.4	13.9	47.7	
1947—June ..	30.0	160.5	190.5	0.1	76.5	0.7	9.6	28.6	14.5	50.6	
1948—June ..	30.4	166.3	196.7	0.1	79.1	0.8	10.4	29.9	15.4	52.5	
1949—June ..	31.4	171.3	202.7	0.1	81.3	0.9	11.4	30.8	16.4	53.3	
October	32.2	172.4	204.6	0.1	82.7	0.9	11.5	30.7	16.7	53.7	
November	32.2	174.3	206.5	0.1	83.7	0.9	11.5	31.5	16.7	53.9	
December	32.4	173.7	206.1	0.1	83.0	0.9	11.6	31.7	16.6	53.8	
1950—January	32.5	172.7	205.2	0.1	82.8	0.8	11.6	30.7	16.8	53.9	
February	32.5	174.8	207.3	0.1	84.7	0.9	11.5	30.8	17.1	53.8	
March ..	32.7	177.2	209.9	0.1	86.0	0.9	11.2	30.9	17.4	54.8	
PERSONS.											
1933—June ..	87.1	319.7	406.8	4.1	137.1	38.9	45.6	91.9		69.7	
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2	
1941—July ..	132.6	456.8	589.4	5.9	245.7	40.9	54.3	58.5	46.1	77.4	
1942—June ..	150.9	423.1	574.0	4.8	249.7	29.7	55.5	52.4	42.1	73.8	
1943—June ..	152.8	407.8	560.6	3.8	254.6	16.7	57.0	48.2	39.1	72.2	
1944—June ..	150.9	399.5	550.4	3.5	249.4	17.1	56.7	47.0	40.4	74.9	
1945—August ..	146.9	406.2	553.1	3.7	246.6	22.2	58.2	48.9	42.7	78.1	
1946—June ..	145.8	455.8	601.6	4.5	255.0	32.6	64.4	57.0	51.8	85.8	
1947—June ..	155.9	487.2	643.1	4.6	260.8	39.1	69.4	61.3	57.9	93.0	
1948—June ..	162.1	507.9	670.0	4.9	271.8	42.9	72.8	64.5	61.5	96.9	
1949—June ..	169.5	522.8	692.3	4.9	274.7	47.1	77.6	66.2	64.3	99.7	
October	173.6	524.6	698.2	4.9	278.7	48.5	78.4	66.1	65.5	99.9	
November	174.7	529.1	703.8	4.9	280.8	49.1	78.2	67.5	66.2	100.5	
December	177.6	528.9	706.5	4.9	280.3	49.4	79.5	68.2	66.6	100.2	
1950—January	178.2	528.9	707.1	5.0	281.0	50.0	79.0	66.6	67.1	100.5	
February	179.5	532.3	711.8	5.0	283.1	51.5	79.7	66.8	67.2	100.6	
March ..	175.8	538.2	714.0	5.0	286.3	51.6	74.9	66.9	68.5	102.4	

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c. and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8.6
1939 " " " " " "	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10.4
1942 " " " " " "	142	302,782	79	176,749	2,032	1.2
1943 " " " " " "	142	311,791	77	196,784	1,356	0.7
1944 " " " " " "	141	314,952	77	194,387	1,634	0.8
1945 " " " " " "	139	506,649	77	186,112	1,548	0.9
1946 " " " " " "	138	324,380	75	191,632	2,400	1.3
1947 " " " " " "	137	337,502	74	204,500	2,423	1.2
1948 " " " " " "	136	363,661	74	212,831	1,762	0.8
1949 " " " " " "	..	..	74	222,955	1,719	0.8
1932—June Quarter (a) .. .. .	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27.7
1949—March Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	221,521	1,598	0.7
June Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	223,440	1,839	0.8
September Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	221,225	2,032	0.9
December Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	225,634	1,405	0.6
1950—March Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	227,445	1,684	0.7

(a) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns, which are furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician, represent about 60 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)
(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1947—February	107 0	101 0	103 0	104 0	107 0	106 0
May	107 0	102 0	103 0	106 0	107 0	107 0
August	108 0	104 0	104 0	107 0	108 0	108 0
November	109 0	104 0	105 0	108 0	109 0	109 0
1948—February	113 0	108 0	108 0	111 0	112 0	112 0
May	115 0	110 0	111 0	113 0	114 0	114 0
August	117 0	112 0	112 0	115 0	116 0	116 0
November	120 0	115 0	115 0	119 0	119 0	120 0
1949—February	123 0	119 0	118 0	121 0	122 0	123 0
May	125 0	120 0	120 0	123 0	123 0	124 0
August	128 0	124 0	124 0	126 0	127 0	128 0
November	130 0	125 0	125 0	128 0	128 0	129 0
1950—February	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers. Includes "prosperity loadings" (6s. per week).

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1940 ..	964	906	920	941	954	960
„ 1941 ..	1,008	950	963	984	998	1,004
„ 1942 ..	1,100	1,037	1,054	1,065	1,078	1,095
„ 1943 ..	1,139	1,084	1,096	1,110	1,126	1,135
„ 1944 ..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
„ 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
„ 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
1948—March Quarter	1,249	1,199	1,206	1,233	1,240	1,246
June Quarter	1,272	1,222	1,222	1,256	1,266	1,268
September Qr.	1,309	1,256	1,256	1,296	1,297	1,305
December Qr.	1,345	1,294	1,290	1,325	1,329	1,341
1949—March Quarter	1,363	1,315	1,314	1,344	1,349	1,359
June Quarter..	1,402	1,355	1,355	1,385	1,387	1,399
September Qr.	1,422	1,369	1,366	1,401	1,404	1,417
December Qr.	1,472	1,420	1,424	1,457	1,451	1,468
1950—March Quarter	1,501	1,456	1,462	1,493	1,483	1,498

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 88 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report*, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1928-29 are published in the next statement.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.
(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemical- s.	All Groups.
1861 Year ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871 " ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881 " ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891 " ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901 " ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911 " ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1921 " ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931 " ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,425
1939 " ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941 " ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 " ..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943 " ..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944 " ..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945 " ..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946 " ..	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163
1947 " ..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360
1948 " ..	2,829	3,619	2,383	2,104	2,435	2,976	4,631	3,180	2,824

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1931-32 "	1,081	1,134	765	1,195	738	951	857	996	932	946
1938-39 "	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1940-41 "	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 "	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 "	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 "	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,823	1,217	1,396
1944-45 "	1,307	1,675	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 "	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,348	1,782	1,257	1,412
1946-47 "	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,401	1,313	1,802	1,380	1,768	1,288	1,429
1947-48 "	1,460	1,607	2,833	1,478	1,261	1,898	1,532	1,924	1,448	1,588
1948-49 "	1,849	1,737	3,419	1,594	1,301	1,983	1,747	2,008	1,727	1,809
1948-49—										
July ..	1,651	1,724	3,323	1,533	1,361	1,948	1,614	2,000	1,573	1,699
January ..	1,936	1,741	3,639	1,623	1,275	1,986	1,765	2,011	1,769	1,840
February ..	1,936	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,268	1,986	1,801	2,016	1,797	1,861
March ..	1,965	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,250	2,002	1,798	2,000	1,809	1,865
April ..	1,966	1,744	3,197	1,623	1,265	2,002	1,805	2,005	1,795	1,856
May ..	1,966	1,746	3,196	1,623	1,250	2,017	1,809	2,002	1,801	1,859
June ..	1,966	1,746	3,200	1,623	1,247	2,021	1,805	1,991	1,803	1,858
1949-50—										
July ..	2,090	1,745	3,313	1,624	1,185	2,021	(b)1,865	2,057	(b)1,850	(b)1,911
August ..	2,090	1,745	3,385	1,632	1,210	2,053	(b)1,859	(b)2,066	(b)1,850	(b)1,913
September ..	2,091	1,726	3,327	1,624	1,231	2,079	(b)1,855	(b)2,040	(b)1,855	(b)1,909
October ..	2,093	1,726	3,665	1,798	1,249	2,080	(b)1,878	(b)2,086	(b)1,877	(b)1,938
November ..	2,093	1,888	3,864	1,798	1,343	2,081	(b)1,917	2,171	(b)1,913	(b)1,988
December ..	2,144	1,888	4,239	1,936	1,417	2,081	(b)1,973	2,208	(b)1,975	(b)2,043
January ..	2,185	1,888	4,935	1,987	1,454	2,400	1,931	2,322	1,973	2,076
February ..	2,185	1,897	4,900	1,994	1,459	2,409	1,993	2,369	2,002	2,110
March ..	2,185	1,901	4,804	2,001	1,511	2,427	1,991	2,355	2,007	2,110

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Revised figures.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period.		Widows Pensions (b) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (c) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (e)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(d)	..	..
1920-21	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39	(a)67,896	(a)19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1940-41	76,371	12,447	..	..	19,150	..	..
1941-42	75,240	12,550	..	..	16,120	124,463	219,680
1942-43	72,102	11,938	3,574	7,136	11,874	124,986	218,551
1943-44	69,156	12,446	3,684	8,283	38,653	128,381	220,884
1944-45	67,240	12,598	3,575	9,039	40,582	131,526	224,146
1945-46	69,308	13,599	3,565	9,183	40,991	135,377	229,982
1946-47	74,770	14,673	3,732	8,579	50,730	141,826	240,810
1947-48	78,057	15,165	4,010	7,249	46,027	148,249	251,145
1948-49	81,753	15,575	3,937	7,227	46,309	157,625	265,672
1st July, 1949, to 27th February, 1950	83,079	15,259	3,937	7,284	47,520	164,626	276,468

(a) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(b) Commenced from 1st July, 1942.

(c) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(d) Not available.

(e) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)				Sickness Benefits.(a)			
	Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.		Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,632	63	564	15	8,246	1,923	1,387	403
1946-47	15,645	542	641	26	11,226	3,324	1,819	649
1947-48	971	58	65	1	12,742	4,363	1,757	749
1948-49	248	40	40	11	12,525	4,187	2,548	896
1949-50—								
July ..	191	7	159	5	1,402	448	2,618	912
August ..	159	72	162	19	1,015	364	2,733	957
September ..	65	9	116	17	951	391	2,739	1,029
October ..	41	13	91	17	1,183	465	2,884	1,114
November ..	25	5	80	16	759	237	3,008	1,130
December ..	19	10	85	21	319	106	3,086	1,167

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
At 30th June—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1941	25,107	7,977	41,036	74,120	2,092	1,353
1942	25,375	8,493	38,435	72,303	3,034	1,462
1943	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2,105	1,204
1944	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2,071	1,193
1945	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2,145	1,148
1946	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
1947	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
At 31st March, 1950	45,648	13,710	59,263	118,621	2,772	1,115

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars are inclusive of war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War and of service pensions in respect of the South African War and 1914–1918 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate (a).		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
Entered.								
		'000		'000		'000		'000
1938-39 Year ..	188	686	548	3,100	2,243	4,751	2,979	8,537
1946-47 " ..	196	895	274	1,381	1,209	2,568	1,679	4,844
1947-48 " ..	238	1,060	384	1,930	1,224	2,690	1,846	5,680
1948-49 " ..	322	1,461	456	2,522	1,290	3,072	2,068	7,055
1948-49—								
September Quarter ..	71	308	102	568	304	692	477	1,568
December Quarter ..	72	315	116	619	346	841	534	1,775
March Quarter ..	86	381	122	680	323	778	531	1,839
June Quarter ..	93	457	116	655	317	761	526	1,873
1949-50—								
September Quarter ..	87	408	138	737	290	675	515	1,820
Cleared.								
		'000		'000		'000		'000
1938-39 Year ..	195	757	495	2,886	2,299	4,837	2,989	8,480
1946-47 " ..	183	824	269	1,294	1,207	2,686	1,659	4,804
1947-48 " ..	223	984	325	1,540	1,277	3,084	1,825	5,608
1948-49 " ..	268	1,214	406	2,079	1,407	3,809	2,081	7,102
1948-49—								
September Quarter ..	61	274	101	491	325	850	487	1,615
December Quarter ..	65	294	96	492	360	963	521	1,749
March Quarter ..	63	272	98	528	355	988	516	1,788
June Quarter ..	79	374	111	568	367	1,008	557	1,950
1949-50—								
September Quarter ..	77	350	105	576	324	872	506	1,798

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
	£	£	£
BRITISH CURRENCY.			
Year ended 30th June—			
1939	35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
1947	66,951,339	120,386	67,071,725
AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.			
1948	120,503,712	96,292	120,600,004
1949	145,342,923	230,264	145,573,187
Nine months ended 31st March,			
1950 (a)	130,120,554	1,342,491	131,463,045
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).			
	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June—			
1939	28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012
1947	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
1948	115,357,695	605,844	115,963,539
1949	136,311,926	147,303	136,459,229
Nine months ended 31st March,			
1950 (a)	115,342,243	343,518	115,685,761

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(As a result of an amendment to the *Customs Act* 1901–1936, the basis of valuation of imports for duty was varied on the 15th November, 1947. Prior to that date imports were valued in British Currency and represented the F.O.B. value at Port of Shipment plus the statutory ten per centum imposed for value for duty purposes. From 15th November, 1947, the statutory ten per centum was eliminated and all imports were valued in Australian Currency, the value for duty of imports therefore represents the F.O.B. Value at Port of Shipment.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	111,007	287,033	543,059	436,345
Other	43,543	58,706	202,213	160,143
Other Animal Foodstuffs	51,762	30,401	131,343	100,780
Total, Class I.	206,312	376,140	876,615	697,268

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Nuts, Edible	62,643	130,767	187,834	298,844
Spices	21,249	70,681	87,917	208,807
Coffee and Chicory	19,616	72,307	160,108	197,327
Tea	852,435	998,920	2,049,815	2,901,131
Cocoa and Chocolate	70,085	158,563	399,488	717,260
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. ..	92,269	224,583	311,444	623,376
Total, Class II.	1,118,297	1,655,821	3,196,606	4,946,745
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	48,585	45,431	163,161	131,868
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF—				
Tobacco—				
Unmanufactured	570,359	865,291	1,543,448	2,102,040
Manufactured	24,706	22,792	76,708	68,335
Cigarettes	219,087	447,154	772,460	1,092,262
Cigars, Snuff, &c.	9,493	1,901	17,881	11,798
Total, Class IV.	823,645	1,337,138	2,410,497	3,274,435
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	40,292	45,724	123,485	84,002
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	73,432	69,793	291,765	258,017
Wool	54,895	244,260	142,523	335,686
Silk, Raw	76,304	2,354	366,211	16,980
Other Animal Substances	47,681	94,138	156,275	219,715
Total, Class VI.	252,312	410,545	956,774	830,398
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	38,625	117,382	302,132	391,979
Fibres	159,251	528,948	2,309,031	1,359,267
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	25,409	29,620	85,896	80,715
Cork and Cork Manufactures	18,472	34,773	71,915	81,981
Plastic Materials (except Fibres) ..	177,033	281,428	571,484	679,463
Other Vegetable Substances	100,797	78,013	336,378	238,564
Total, Class VII.	519,587	1,070,164	3,676,836	2,831,969

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns	1,319,709	1,049,293	4,777,908	3,180,625
Manufactured Fibres	1,089,833	1,055,444	2,525,396	3,239,851
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	5,535,739	4,737,721	16,671,491	15,380,408
Other	1,129,166	1,330,118	3,833,783	3,943,094
Apparel	1,417,297	1,312,690	3,762,063	3,934,733
Total, Class VIII. ..	10,491,744	9,485,266	31,570,641	29,678,711
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Linseed Oil	39,218	31,889	312,593	100,513
Paraffin Wax	7,448	1,558	142,762	61,204
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	1,507,260	2,272,418	4,524,596	5,843,367
Kerosene	202,458	217,488	828,411	670,331
Residual	387,108	330,690	1,783,227	1,091,336
Solar	70,500	364,986	157,679	989,502
Lubricating (Mineral)	410,530	289,252	1,036,136	911,949
Other	66,988	73,424	166,178	177,396
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes ..	112,332	70,627	352,955	312,719
Total, Class IX. ..	2,803,842	3,652,332	9,304,537	10,158,317
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	220,057	136,315	600,948	454,626
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	555,807	1,029,605	1,176,561	2,410,430
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	1,117,216	1,586,568	2,839,624	4,454,841
Other	160,265	1,369,120	383,674	2,721,719
Tools of Trade	153,991	222,420	449,286	624,142
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	412,854	217,089	1,356,063	710,043
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	12,297	97,628	29,091	235,243
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts ..	3,088,150	6,487,545	8,665,041	17,193,181
Other Vehicles and Parts ..	354,741	525,080	886,417	1,405,845
Other Metals and Manufactures ..	1,045,519	1,921,683	2,999,310	5,323,374
Total, Class XII.(a) ..	6,345,033	12,427,133	17,608,506	32,668,388

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIP- MENT, ETC.—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Dynamo Electrical Machinery ..	326,220	292,408	935,127	902,074
Wireless (Radio) Equipment ..	16,447	18,653	78,431	55,674
Other Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	879,680	1,294,779	2,551,641	3,452,338
Total, Class XII.(b) ..	1,222,347	1,605,840	3,565,199	4,410,086
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances	1,306,255	1,885,895	3,419,195	5,419,042
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances	310,860	390,612	1,037,039	1,310,445
Roller and Ball Bearings	226,221	199,249	538,502	716,883
Other Machines and Machinery ..	2,117,055	2,903,323	5,261,258	7,980,051
Total, Class XII.(c) ..	3,960,391	5,379,079	10,255,994	15,426,421
Total, Class XII. ..	11,527,771	19,412,052	31,429,699	52,504,895
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Mas- ticated, &c.	282,018	472,226	1,383,866	1,291,384
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	133,736	463,420	316,255	1,110,118
Elastics	36,631	22,784	130,794	90,322
Other	85,665	59,519	276,182	181,955
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	50,499	60,696	158,677	160,038
Total, Class XIII. ..	588,549	1,078,645	2,265,774	2,833,817
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	907,025	741,128	2,253,413	1,894,830
Other Wood and Wicker	70,470	100,603	193,221	261,542
Total, Class XIV. ..	977,495	841,731	2,446,634	2,156,372
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—				
Glass and Glassware	185,979	224,162	628,459	741,063
Crockery and Household Ware ..	265,468	314,204	789,124	844,371
Other Earthenware, &c.	146,494	201,635	482,370	609,888
Total, Class XV. ..	597,941	740,001	1,899,953	2,195,322

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Pulp for Papermaking	485,528	181,690	1,189,327	308,696
Paper—				
Printing	500,904	585,416	1,196,617	1,563,920
Writing and Typewriting	68,891	55,082	309,000	152,111
Wrapping	119,910	125,596	507,609	281,668
Other	247,883	242,425	752,475	626,943
Millboards and Other Boards ..	50,381	67,161	193,151	183,300
Total, Class XVI.(a) ..	1,473,497	1,257,370	4,148,179	3,116,638
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. ..	200,000	245,520	704,718	843,948
Other Stationery, &c. ..	176,652	190,340	671,755	762,839
Total, Class XVI.(b) ..	376,652	435,860	1,376,473	1,606,787
Total, Class XVI. ..	1,850,149	1,693,230	5,524,652	4,723,425
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	126,760	160,466	559,546	679,952
Jewellery	133,932	167,781	418,775	410,307
Timepieces	118,649	199,502	344,613	618,312
Total, Class XVII. ..	379,341	527,749	1,322,934	1,708,571
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	341,968	369,364	1,002,632	1,088,184
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	831,872	710,111	2,791,767	2,143,653
Fertilizers	235,307	249,163	636,211	699,679
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,067,179	959,274	3,427,978	2,843,332
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	262,679	110,539	621,441	349,554
Bags, Baskets, &c... ..	29,413	37,332	99,567	147,005
Brushware	15,934	25,023	70,044	86,651
Outside Packages	687,821	950,142	1,974,199	2,609,173
All Other Articles	329,790	587,087	943,557	1,375,484
Total, Class XX. ..	1,325,637	1,710,123	3,708,808	4,567,867
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE	66,925	661,540	145,786	1,342,491
Grand Total	35,803,435	47,238,190	107,231,511	131,463,045

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	21,902	17,296	115,828	35,543
Lamb	1,360,337	1,996,257	1,617,540	3,445,523
Mutton	92,920	553,424	126,177	888,433
Pork	114,160	33,975	144,833	103,106
Poultry	167,761	163,404	444,634	469,256
Rabbits and Hares	459,095	419,684	1,422,116	2,141,427
Other	85,334	162,298	163,568	285,392
Preserved in Tins	380,660	490,341	1,855,303	2,401,052
Sausage Casings	130,071	280,088	229,932	637,362
Other	39,604	30,994	165,627	146,936
Butter	3,578,850	8,108,357	8,487,058	10,053,243
Cheese	689,947	1,043,537	1,652,287	1,685,363
Eggs	426,048	384,667	1,332,343	1,414,468
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	35,729	94,324	202,428	267,592
Honey	155,838	62,530	353,849	139,228
Milk and Cream	1,034,262	1,287,496	2,689,528	3,028,040
Other Animal Foodstuffs	70,507	176,168	138,722	317,950
Total, Class I.	8,843,025	15,304,840	21,141,773	27,459,914
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN ; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	1,795,096	1,984,859	4,014,700	9,104,401
Oats	650,029	408,441	2,734,755	498,145
Barley	292,351	256,134	813,325	547,289
Other	99	13,128	5,401	37,895
Prepared—				
Barley, pearl and scotch	11,535	1,148	86,550	7,018
Rice	28,141	33,390	199,325	164,363
Flour (Wheaten)	1,656,959	2,426,194	8,267,092	7,354,955
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	39,758	53,724	226,091	154,405
Other	471,586	28,453	1,594,843	123,444
Macaroni and Vermicelli	26,757	16,524	73,382	73,944
Biscuits	296	218	1,389	1,119
Vegetables—				
Potatoes, Fresh	1,855	702	24,606	76,985
Peas	54,457	3,912	209,604	62,771
Preserved in liquid and pulped	6,951	130,441	41,974	516,898
Other	87,179	70,144	377,863	173,518
Fruits—				
Fresh	93,558	133,424	333,089	388,056
Dried	133,953	56,597	1,938,191	1,136,788
Preserved in liquid	142,251	46,746	1,907,704	1,215,472
Pulped	2,613	2,105	19,211	25,792
Fruit Juices	54,507	16,449	352,375	158,922
Jams and Jellies	122,924	84,457	773,119	877,813
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	180,064	491,977	838,561	1,333,383
Total, Class II.	5,852,919	6,259,167	24,833,150	24,033,376
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	95,582	65,939	242,675	190,105

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	1,717	7,843	60,332	24,003
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	49,232	7,983	78,185	15,514
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	61,011	114,949	1,064,677	509,883
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	50,479	94,637	182,645	230,210
Sheep (with wool and without wool)	1,000,850	1,485,418	2,409,536	3,429,906
Other	1,586	8,669	9,370	45,894
Wool—				
Greasy	17,931,952	22,299,024	34,961,695	41,058,920
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	3,340,705	3,818,769	8,073,048	8,919,734
Other Animal Substances	7,634	34,635	14,327	39,792
Total, Class VI.	22,394,217	27,856,101	46,715,298	54,234,339
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	6,562	25,419	98,669	121,653
Fibres	2,204	6,951	27,017	43,158
Other Vegetable Substances	15,243	15,354	49,808	57,427
Total, Class VII.	24,009	47,724	175,494	222,238
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	41,387	95,430	462,298	396,904
Textiles	108,888	130,382	555,591	556,909
Apparel	97,677	81,252	207,774	207,396
Total, Class VIII.	247,952	307,064	1,225,663	1,161,209
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Tallow, inedible	94,252	226,502	223,176	591,081
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	114,327	175,400	335,126	385,743
Total, Class IX.	208,579	401,902	558,302	976,824
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	11,718	23,437	48,448	73,543
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	162,705	66,421	462,408	337,455
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANU- FACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	337,733	443,970	1,176,262	1,281,263
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	52,758	61,366	216,853	185,120
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	289,228	418,516	1,163,541	1,276,607
Total, Class XII.	679,719	923,852	2,556,656	2,742,990

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1949.	1950.	1949.	1950.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	10,441	7,747	39,408	36,651
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	183,578	291,584	587,091	722,027
Total, Class XIII. ..	194,019	299,331	626,499	758,678
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	13,980	14,712	50,644	54,557
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	13,916	19,620	50,317	70,280
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board	2,066	33,050	51,175	52,755
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	28,094	46,071	119,265	150,865
Total, Class XVI. ..	30,160	79,121	170,440	203,620
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	26,678	30,897	69,670	135,909
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	30,979	76,520	167,181	256,465
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap	10,330	31,057	13,645	68,200
Fertilizers .. ..	.. ..	21	1,942	72
Other Drugs and Chemicals	192,771	270,795	652,532	732,340
Total, Class XIX. ..	203,101	301,873	668,119	800,612
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	101,122	238,885	258,738	588,935
Personal and Household Effects ..	39,285	62,963	141,766	156,863
All Other Articles	148,063	428,146	484,281	844,814
Total, Class XX. ..	288,470	729,994	884,785	1,590,612
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	112	341,203	146,804	343,518
Australian Produce	39,225,714	52,845,485	100,026,061	114,708,153
Other Produce	147,075	320,059	906,782	977,608
Grand Total	39,372,789	53,165,544	100,932,843	115,685,761

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March 1950 (a).
	1939.	1948.	1949.	
	British Currency Values—	Australian Currency Values—		
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	14,540,751	48,661,112	78,446,789	70,490,236
Australian Territories	577,999	276,392	761,085	623,963
Borneo (British)	12,458	226,772	223,517	139,007
Canada	2,665,240	5,247,001	3,348,326	2,629,957
Ceylon	213,320	3,360,294	2,579,725	2,074,838
East Africa (British)	36,197	180,601	901,725	312,486
Hong Kong	7,251	68,877	144,573	120,097
India, Dominion of	793,488	8,023,371	6,822,945	6,827,153
Malaya, Federation of	485,251	1,688,401	1,656,791	1,372,541
New Zealand	991,983	1,350,795	1,433,600	2,132,260
Pacific Islands (British)	93,248	198,558	74,619	93,285
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	14,132	232,105	671,674	421,752
Singapore	(b)	99,639	723,869	794,566
South Africa, Union of	84,676	1,194,078	871,503	1,016,878
West Africa (British)	69,280	580,368	458,707	334,666
Other British Possessions	92,170	567,893	377,392	560,419
Arabia—				
Bahrein Islands	266,517	1,759,779	1,175,532	1,192,221
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	3,180	258,306	240,425	450,287
Austria	27,519	49,715	136,170	131,229
Belgium	353,216	1,721,610	983,134	915,586
Brazil	39,034	508,860	490,722	652,241
China	140,900	440,563	584,617	232,042
Czechoslovakia	196,669	714,718	1,552,682	1,182,815
Egypt	70,436	280,212	532,207	36,192
Finland	102,237	470,709	943,526	482,979
France	394,105	1,206,719	1,474,259	2,103,253
Germany	1,537,847	379,509	969,701	1,657,030
Indonesia, United States of	2,044,057	938,918	3,645,601	2,770,327
Italy	257,160	985,011	1,640,724	2,561,746
Japan	1,716,486	653,523	685,800	1,991,894
Netherlands	209,945	853,370	1,169,374	789,650
Norway	143,595	1,088,233	1,204,216	753,867
Persia (Iran)	382,568	3,165,046	3,311,283	3,090,794
Poland	15,696	48,143	133,297	103,665
Portugal	55,247	165,754	77,375	59,389
Spain	23,520	46,535	206,743	89,829
Sweden	459,959	1,985,918	3,901,204	2,051,874
Switzerland	406,975	743,390	768,039	606,741
United States of America	4,792,784	27,042,090	16,444,543	13,954,115
Uruguay .. .. .	..	53,614	203,568	..
Other Foreign Countries	393,163	707,701	740,594	1,011,776
Country not stated .. .. .	..	143,136	(c) 131,157	38,226
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	34,710,259	118,367,339	(c) 142,843,333	128,853,872

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Included in "Malaya, Federation of".

(c) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1950 (a).
	1939.	1948.	1949.	
	Australian Currency Values—			
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	15,266,925	43,924,370	54,019,343	44,391,270
Aden and Dependencies	15,274	157,465	378,515	68,551
Australian Territories	139,477	308,100	331,139	267,510
Borneo (British)	3,958	135,307	133,168	121,456
Canada	492,839	1,668,803	3,286,456	1,910,632
Ceylon	144,742	3,573,898	3,322,961	1,542,152
Cyprus	16,942	114,941	273,164	89,526
East Africa (British)	2,625	142,178	212,083	107,922
Eire	549	347,280	66,812	50,696
Guiana (British)	4,324	146,345	157,796	185,132
Hong Kong	164,238	2,913,620	1,390,423	1,863,920
India, Dominion of	342,958	10,105,140	5,869,801	6,972,712
Malaya, Federation of	618,214	3,494,769	3,017,338	1,154,868
Malta and Gozo	49,054	199,269	248,669	214,073
Mauritius and Dependencies	64,568	915,134	132,877	646,974
New Zealand	1,906,752	4,465,176	4,487,918	5,031,519
Pacific Islands (British)	116,218	283,523	235,056	295,144
Pakistan, Dominion of	(b)	(b)	510,307	95,023
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	6,393	89,513	198,332	352,862
Singapore	(c)	2,209,309	2,244,163	2,505,445
South Africa, Union of	500,433	904,330	1,025,950	516,542
West Africa (British)	643	85,408	111,608	71,534
West Indies (British)	72,270	403,265	447,169	468,133
Other British Possessions	46,972	232,146	214,283	395,723
Arabia	1,036	71,200	304,445	135,623
Austria	36	74,700	182,113	109,588
Belgium	654,276	2,822,414	2,174,934	1,666,374
Burma	22,727	686,479	319,968	143,953
China	576,750	1,011,869	474,163	173,140
Czechoslovakia	23,763	169,743	314,619	1,051,157
Denmark	16,796	585,924	1,054,294	721,156
Egypt	73,572	2,111,360	2,852,170	1,351,554
France	2,167,616	7,304,353	9,904,908	5,753,477
Germany	450,788	1,141,279	1,635,470	2,682,896
Greece	46,147	80,308	211,031	187,675
Indonesia, United States of	613,570	5,813	610,796	81,342
Iraq	46	137,535	346,849	80,551
Italy	272,391	3,285,383	8,478,145	2,545,672
Japan	1,690,971	350,796	991,732	5,174,503
Mexico	35,134	150,789	593,605	295,279
Netherlands	149,453	473,677	1,414,320	1,400,239
Norway	17,963	157,093	170,279	265,620
Palestine	4,232	2,531,792	452,395	55,384
Persia (Iran)	26	150,856	260,212	304,989
Peru	1,674	1,826	1	1,208,966
Philippine Republic	96,968	55,183	169,665	144,264
Poland	121,660	301,859	2,400,125	2,927,417
Siam (Thailand)	41,241	127,804	324,482	283,401
Soviet Russia .. .. .	..	2,027,568	6,186,834	5,805,011
Sweden	171,354	942,942	1,821,833	982,461
Switzerland	4,002	307,330	175,161	400,661
Syria and Lebanon	28	79,747	233,755	202,538
Turkey	14,414	513,035	966,380	38,870
United States of America	3,378,036	10,650,290	7,746,201	9,724,888
Yugoslavia	4,078	127,338	387,187	15,645
Other Foreign Countries	191,896	705,965	985,826	452,148
Country not stated .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Total	30,819,012	115,963,539	136,450,229	115,685,761

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Included in "India, Dominion of". (c) Included in "Malaya, Federation of".

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.				Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1950 (a).
				1947.	1948.	1949.	
Wool—							
Greasy	..	..	{ lb. £	193,595,564 20,799,838	172,361,720 29,605,003	229,736,479 49,294,258	155,291,830 41,058,920
Scoured and Washed			{ lb. £	44,391,722 6,658,839	40,605,587 7,247,658	41,428,700 8,882,898	29,077,002 7,796,932
Tops, Noils, and Waste			{ lb. £	9,845,839 2,157,926	8,939,815 2,132,359	8,542,137 2,144,909	5,269,119 1,122,802
Butter	..	..	{ lb. £	82,594,500 7,766,346	82,259,802 9,212,338	74,548,505 9,848,594	57,909,298 10,053,243
Wheat	..	..	{ centals £	410,976 312,072	7,935,448 11,626,097	5,817,051 6,943,781	7,197,259 9,104,401
Flour (wheaten)	..	..	{ centals £	4,429,523 7,025,624	5,913,322 11,653,993	5,457,734 10,802,761	4,317,403 7,354,955
Fruits—							
Dried	..	..	{ lb. £	70,682,940 1,682,138	63,918,567 1,554,839	89,417,178 2,404,127	37,982,445 1,136,788
Fresh	..	..	{ lb. £	19,131,200 477,743	32,171,900 657,620	39,476,100 875,282	16,462,500 388,056
Preserved in Liquid	..	..	{ lb. £	45,197,285 1,368,813	60,326,484 1,843,754	81,817,460 2,761,821	34,448,214 1,215,472
Meats—							
Beef (frozen)	..	..	{ lb. £	17,909,891 445,946	4,121,732 137,160	2,426,953 122,896	941,165 35,543
Lamb (frozen)	..	..	{ lb. £	79,827,160 2,576,358	66,926,694 2,558,208	45,879,001 1,867,851	74,974,373 3,445,523
Mutton (frozen)	..	..	{ lb. £	29,936,686 486,341	10,815,783 213,859	12,620,225 278,064	37,560,523 888,433
Pork (frozen)	..	..	{ lb. £	4,013,637 169,480	1,160,739 73,765	3,212,503 212,424	1,352,340 103,106
Poultry (frozen)	..	..	£	221,147	595,112	644,470	469,256
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	..	..	{ pairs £	4,528,137 528,825	(b) 9,422,193 1,353,986	14,993,415 2,390,701	(c) 11,371,859 (c) 2,113,626
Preserved in Tins	..	..	{ lb. £	34,444,231 2,061,345	26,543,062 1,525,841	46,460,459 2,545,970	33,106,261 2,401,052
Sausage Casings	..	..	{ cwt. £	10,437 271,727	(b) 9,115 329,684	8,776 386,030	13,703 637,362
All Other Meats	..	..	£	357,232	379,846	421,321	432,328
Milk and Cream	..	..	£	2,733,230	2,961,437	3,271,799	3,028,040
Hides and Skins—							
Sheep (with wool)	..	..	{ lb. £	54,476,850 3,379,693	32,038,120 3,246,515	30,768,333 3,230,725	29,423,453 3,144,996
Rabbit and Hare	..	..	{ lb. £	4,947,452 2,020,950	5,520,569 1,786,345	4,110,507 1,142,571	3,441,513 509,883
Other Skins	..	..	£	340,946	196,158	287,845	561,014
Tallow (inedible)	..	..	{ cwt. £	16,895 94,682	30,324 195,140	56,573 340,858	145,626 591,081
Eggs in shell	..	..	{ dozen £	3,479,898 230,238	4,195,405 461,553	5,128,724 601,628	7,287,434 958,322
Eggs not in shell	..	..	£	895,374	1,103,221	978,966	456,146
Cheese	..	..	{ lb. £	30,311,114 1,430,698	25,575,894 1,697,685	29,536,079 2,169,093	20,913,250 1,685,363

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Revised figures.

(c) Quantity and value of carcasses only. In addition, 436,858 lb. (value, £27,801) of rabbit and hare meat other than carcasses were exported.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1950.
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.	
Average Mileage Operated ..	4,754	4,748	4,725	4,712	(a)
Traffic Train Miles Run '000	17,890	15,539	16,819	17,352	13,009
Passengers Journeys .. '000	142,124	170,165	182,210	176,555	132,698
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	6,861	7,757	8,155	6,331
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	700	683	704	(b) 369

(a) Not yet available.

(b) For six months ended 31st December, 1949.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1950.
	1939.	1948.	1949.	
Gross Revenue £'000	9,284	16,321	17,274	15,092
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	15,225	17,816	14,781
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	1,096	— 542	311
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt				
Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,154	2,161	(d)
Net Result for Year £'000	— 944	— 1,058	— 2,703	(d)
Net Earnings on Capital Cost (c) .. %	2.33	2.01	— 0.97	(d)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Capital cost as written down in accordance with *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936*.

(d) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			Period from 1st July 1949, to 22nd April, 1950. (d)
	1939.	1948.	1949.	
Tramway Track Open—				
Double miles	(a) 127.3	126.2	126.2	126.2
Single miles	5.9	5.2	5.2	5.2
Motor Omnibus Route miles	48.6	68.6	68.7	68.7
Vehicle Mileage—				
Tramways '000	22,981	22,554	23,120	14,111
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	7,875	8,096	5,334
Passenger Journeys—				
Tramways '000	182,094	255,831	266,440	160,326
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	67,154	72,333	47,266
Revenue—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Traffic Receipts	2,305	3,839	4,030	2,808
Other	15	17	23	15
Total Revenue	2,320	3,856	4,053	2,823
Operating Expenses	(b) 1,517	(b) 3,099	(c) 4,171	(c) 3,051
Surplus on Operation	803	757	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. .. .	..	..	118	228

(a) Including 7.94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

(c) Including rates, interest and depreciation, but excluding appropriations.

(d) Due to a strike of employees tram and motor omnibus services did not operate during the period from 23rd February, 1950, to 23rd April, 1950 (60 days).

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.					Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
					Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.									
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1946-47	..	..	..	6,122	3,222	1,411	10,755	1,642
1947-48	..	..	..	12,164	6,055	3,293	21,512	3,479
1948-49	..	..	..	18,312	7,234	4,283	29,829	5,048
Nine months ended 1950	..	..	31st March, ..	21,871	6,961	4,872	33,704	5,031
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.									
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1946-47	..	..	..	9,874	6,246	2,983	19,103	5,428
1947-48	..	..	..	7,896	4,472	2,466	14,834	3,862
1948-49	..	..	..	8,693	4,320	2,891	15,904	3,718
Nine months ended 1950	..	..	31st March, ..	8,018	3,144	2,140	13,302	3,013
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.									
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1946-47	..	..	..	137,859	44,689	53,548	236,096	19,102
1947-48	..	..	..	147,271	50,433	55,233	252,937	21,742
1948-49	..	..	..	158,038	56,035	56,451	270,524	22,739
Nine months ended 1950	..	..	31st March, ..	135,569	44,431	44,202	224,202	18,271
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.									
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1946-47	..	..	..	153,855	54,157	57,942	265,954	26,172
1947-48	..	..	..	167,331	60,960	60,992	289,283	29,083
1948-49	..	..	..	185,043	67,589	63,625	316,257	31,505
Nine months ended 1950	..	..	31st March, ..	165,458	54,536	51,214	271,208	26,315

(a) Includes private cars and commercial vehicles, separate particulars of which are not available.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES.

Type of Licence.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	1,172	963	907
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	2,192	4,377	2,863
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	3,364	5,340	3,770
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	2,348	2,563	2,851
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	1,058	1,367	1,724
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	3,406	3,930	4,575
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	9,136	8,780	9,951
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,038	955	1,066
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,022	7,467	8,653
Primary Producers	699	4,275	4,829	5,987
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	473	469	553
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	26,554	27,012	30,211
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	3,741	4,294	4,962
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	53,239	53,806	61,383
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	283	335	340
Grand Total	35,970	60,292	63,411	70,068

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
<i>City of Melbourne.</i>					
1938-39 Year	1,470	47	1,593	4,161	5,631
1946-47 "	1,104	34	1,254	2,018	3,122
1947-48 "	1,073	34	1,169	2,023	3,096
1948-49 "	1,208	39	1,322	(a)	(a)
1948-49—					
September Quarter ..	279	4	295	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	302	13	327	(a)	(a)
March Quarter ..	293	4	331	(a)	(a)
June Quarter ..	334	18	369	(a)	(a)
1949-50—					
September Quarter ..	314	17	350	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	348	8	398	(a)	(a)
<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>					
1938-39 Year	3,508	177	3,862	5,534	9,042
1946-47 "	3,515	155	3,997	3,949	7,464
1947-48 "	3,349	153	3,718	3,778	7,127
1948-49 "	3,503	194	3,954	(a)	(a)
1948-49—					
September Quarter ..	842	61	924	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	892	41	1,028	(a)	(a)
March Quarter ..	847	28	967	(a)	(a)
June Quarter ..	922	64	1,035	(a)	(a)
1949-50—					
September Quarter ..	1,037	39	1,217	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	966	26	1,123	(a)	(a)
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>					
1938-39 Year	1,558	194	1,973	2,265	3,823
1946-47 "	1,903	197	2,559	2,080	3,983
1947-48 "	1,830	175	2,323	2,232	4,062
1948-49 "	2,229	193	2,949	(a)	(a)
1948-49—					
September Quarter ..	444	36	580	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	554	49	726	(a)	(a)
March Quarter ..	588	55	761	(a)	(a)
June Quarter ..	643	53	882	(a)	(a)
1949-50—					
September Quarter ..	697	71	929	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	638	49	844	(a)	(a)
<i>Total—Victoria.</i>					
1938-39 Year	6,536	418	7,428	11,960	18,496
1946-47 "	6,522	386	7,810	8,047	14,569
1947-48 "	6,252	362	7,210	8,033	14,285
1948-49 "	6,940	426	8,225	(a)	(a)
1948-49—					
September Quarter ..	1,565	101	1,799	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	1,748	103	2,081	(a)	(a)
March Quarter ..	1,728	87	2,059	(a)	(a)
June Quarter ..	1,899	135	2,286	(a)	(a)
1949-50—					
September Quarter ..	2,048	127	2,496	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	1,952	83	2,365	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available.

VII.—FINANCE. VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	4,669	5,847	6,004	6,869
Railways	9,349	14,822	13,785	16,308	17,283
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	2,551	2,688	2,823	3,175
Land	387	882	825	846	959
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,511	1,580	1,740	1,955
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
Income Tax Reimbursement (b) .. .. .	..	6,431	8,771	9,881	12,027
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement (b) ..	..	373			
All other Revenue	857	1,825	1,736	1,999	2,447
Total Revenue	26,986	35,191	37,359	41,728	46,842
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	£ s. d. 14 8 3	£ s. d. 17 9 2	£ s. d. 18 6 3	£ s. d. 20 3 4	£ s. d. 22 4 9

(a) For details see page 27.

(b) Under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursements Acts of 1942 and States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt	6,640	6,214	6,055	6,166	6,325
Exchange on Interest Payments	669	645	585	587	542
Sinking Fund Contributions	859	1,407	1,474	1,555	1,715
Other	62	137	102	84	114
Railways	7,694	12,073	12,374	14,560	17,024
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	1,802	1,711	1,897	2,062
Education	3,123	4,362	5,216	6,244	7,232
Public Health	143	199	252	336	436
Hospitals	1,054	2,042	2,555	2,841	3,099
Other Charities (a)	2,302	584	537	721	931
Law, Order, and Public Safety	1,285	1,769	2,028	2,277	2,722
All other Expenditure	2,962	3,951	4,465	5,014	6,023
Total Expenditure	27,773	35,185	37,354	42,282	48,225
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	£ s. d. 14 16 8	£ s. d. 17 9 1	£ s. d. 18 6 3	£ s. d. 20 8 8	£ s. d. 22 17 11

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	86	89	86	71
Land Tax	482	321	383	374	371
Probate Duty	1,374	1,825	2,461	2,096	2,573
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	1,071	1,335	1,482	1,656
Motor Taxation	1,914	1,847	2,094	2,389	2,647
Entertainments	677	878	969	1,252	1,402
Liquor	255	389	484	551	607
All other Taxes	110	110	127	135	136
Paid to Consolidated Revenue ..	10,085	4,669	5,847	6,004	6,869
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	1,858	2,095	2,361	2,594
Total	12,023	6,527	7,942	8,365	9,463
Commonwealth Reimbursements—					
Income Tax .. ..	..	6,431	} 8,771	9,881	12,027
Entertainments Tax .. ..	..	373			
Total .. ..	..	6,804	8,771	9,881	12,027
Grand Total	12,023	13,331	16,713	18,246	21,490
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 5	3 4 9	3 17 10	4 0 10	4 9 10
Commonwealth Reimbursements ..	..	3 7 6	4 6 0	4 15 6	5 14 3
Total	6 8 5	6 12 3	8 3 10	8 16 4	10 4 1

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1949.
	1947.	1948.	1949.	
	£	£	£	£
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	488,050	479,275	1,344,265	53,325,542
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,134,658
Roads and Bridges	38,866	26,639	392,326	13,124,350
Water Supply and Sewerage	1,466,122	1,895,260	2,265,809	38,394,149
Electricity Supply .. ..	..	..	..	17,839,227
Public Buildings—				
Schools	539,436	609,867	1,023,202	8,616,007
Hospitals	176,230	213,343	357,497	2,261,473
Other	81,950	180,268	228,380	2,060,835
Housing	528,562	469,743	193,676	3,157,266
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	13,147,158
Other Public Works	125,869	310,211	396,164	4,604,682
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	2,226,665	5,408,434	4,181,682	53,457,093
Advances to Settlers	(b) 99,253	(b) 217,129	10,144	3,908,473
Wire Netting Advances .. ..	..	16,004	16,019	917,752
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	..	..	1,000,000
Forestry	1,329,450	1,112,650	1,331,021	6,872,241
Mining (including State Coal Mine) ..	197	223	40,558	632,867
Other Primary Production	10,230	15,493	523	1,133,115
Other Purposes .. ..	..	58,112	(c) 945,883	(c) 1,454,945
Total Public Works, &c.	7,110,880	11,012,651	12,727,149	255,041,833
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	..	..	553,704	9,672,386
Grand Total	7,110,880	11,012,651	13,280,853	264,714,219

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief, £88,410 in 1946-47, and £182,001 in 1947-48.

(c) Including Overseas Purchase of Coal, £843,000.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1948	56,132	4,570	128,243	188,945	90 7 6
1949	51,682	4,548	146,653	202,883	94 16 11

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
1945-46 (ten months)	81,281	127,949	209,230	73,618	35·19
Year 1946-47	74,109	141,949	216,058	86,847	40·20
„ 1947-48	71,379	157,886	229,265	113,490	49·50
„ 1948-49	74,457	186,209	260,666	140,310	53·83
Quarter ended March, 1949	74,329	195,020	269,349	142,890	53·05
„ „ June, 1949	77,668	202,118	279,786	148,847	53·20
„ „ September, 1949	74,775	205,698	280,473	156,500	55·80
„ „ December, 1949	77,311	233,596	310,907	162,780	52·36
„ „ March, 1950	81,783	251,064	332,847	179,433	53·91
1949—Month of January	75,128	188,308	263,436	142,705	54·17
„ „ February	74,383	193,241	267,624	142,508	53·25
„ „ March	73,646	201,814	275,460	143,344	52·04
1950—Month of January	80,647	242,796	323,443	163,689	50·61
„ „ February	81,035	246,928	327,963	174,791	53·30
„ „ March	83,290	260,987	344,277	195,742	56·86

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes twelve Trading Banks, and the General Banking Division and Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank, and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Mondays in periods to December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.						Total Amount Cleared.
						£'000
1929 Year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1946 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1,825,986
1947 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1,964,025
1948 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2,365,782
1949 „ .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2,778,182
1948—March Quarter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	502,427
„ June Quarter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	607,274
„ September Quarter .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	603,525
„ December Quarter .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	652,556
1949—March Quarter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	606,595
„ June Quarter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	693,285
„ September Quarter .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	645,899
„ December Quarter .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	832,403
1950—March Quarter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	812,681

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1943	97,517	23,732	121,249	61 3 7
1944	122,682	31,205	153,887	77 9 7
1945	143,216	38,933	182,149	90 10 5
1946	163,723	47,603	211,326	104 2 2
1947	168,148	47,959	216,107	105 3 0
1948	177,781	48,620	226,401	108 5 10
1949	187,359	51,887	239,246	111 16 10
At 31st March, 1950 ..	193,410	55,959	249,369	(b) 115 4 4

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.	Mortgages Registered during Period.					
	Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
Year ended 31st December—						
1929	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1947	21,342	12,922	903	386	22,245	13,308
1948	21,926	17,263	849	556	22,775	17,819
1949	27,868	21,136	904	683	28,772	21,819
1948—						
March Quarter	4,698	4,064	180	151	4,878	4,215
June Quarter	5,617	4,787	197	137	5,814	4,924
September Quarter ..	5,885	4,185	243	156	6,128	4,341
December Quarter ..	5,726	4,227	229	112	5,955	4,339
1949—						
March Quarter	5,267	4,815	175	120	5,442	4,935
June Quarter	6,171	5,001	183	214	6,354	5,215
September Quarter ..	8,110	5,054	251	156	8,361	5,210
December Quarter ..	8,320	6,266	295	193	8,615	6,459
1950—						
March Quarter	7,814	5,020	240	249	8,054	5,269

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under that Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Three Months Ended 31st March, 1950.
	1929.	1939.	1948.	1949.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	926	537	1,044	737	151
Foreign	62	37	70	78	21
Mining	22	28	7	10	..
Total	1,010	602	1,121	825	172
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	44,083	17,302	35,606	32,072	13,302
Foreign	(a)	8,975	21,913	17,209	11,844
Mining	1	..	578	301	..
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	7,259	10,229	10,872	11,371	11,359
Foreign	899	643	913	977	997
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	10,246	6,854	27,382	29,431	12,780
Mining	244	1,097	326	153	2,250

(a) Not available.

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
Averages 1911–1940 (a) ..	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
	12·49	17·52	18·09	27·06	34·81	27·58	29·64	33·47	24·28
Year—									
1945 ..	9·63	15·20	14·84	21·71	29·97	25·21	22·25	28·60	20·50
1946 ..	14·07	22·07	17·76	29·86	39·85	40·20	33·04	41·19	29·37
1947 ..	15·16	22·71	20·35	32·93	40·91	33·80	33·00	36·10	28·46
1948 ..	11·29	19·15	16·46	24·82	31·98	28·37	25·93	34·37	23·61
1949 ..	11·80	16·67	20·45	31·35	33·72	26·91	32·62	36·72	25·05
1949—									
January ..	0·17	0·45	0·25	0·96	0·97	1·31	1·41	3·42	1·14
February ..	1·62	3·28	2·50	4·46	2·14	3·44	3·49	3·26	2·84
March ..	1·25	0·70	3·20	4·54	4·60	1·35	4·79	4·31	2·76
1950—									
January ..	0·01	0·07	0·05	0·36	0·71	0·89	0·67	1·16	0·50
February ..	3·91	2·78	2·87	4·01	3·41	1·86	3·99	4·36	3·36
March ..	3·48	3·04	6·54	4·56	6·24	1·47	3·39	5·77	4·21

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF ALL CROPS, 1948-49.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.				Gross Value (a).
						£
Wheat	2,995,705	49,063,560 bushels	..	..	..	25,543,904 (b)
Oats	539,603	7,489,601 bushels	..	..	..	1,767,858
Barley—						
Malting (2 row)	175,532	3,174,535 bushels	..	..	..	1,245,727
Other (6 row)	20,247	373,156 bushels	..	..	..	120,489
Maize	6,460	259,898 bushels	..	..	..	140,366
Rye	16,606	124,668 bushels ..	..	..	..	49,867
Hay—						
Wheaten	37,690	51,994 tons	..	..	..	302,491
Oaten	284,305	407,223 tons	..	..	..	2,413,091
Lucerne, &c.	43,576	81,303 tons	..	..	..	573,077
Meadow	225,770	393,463 tons	..	..	..	2,329,374
Straw .. .. .	..	30,000 tons	..	..	..	153,750
Grass and Clover Seed ..	8,617	10,604 cwt.	..	..	..	81,784
Canary Seed	200	840 cwt.	..	..	..	2,174
Peas for grain	11,645	263,931 bushels	..	..	..	221,705
Green Fodder	50,847	..	..	..	..	150,012
Potatoes	45,785	166,105 tons	..	..	..	2,960,268
Onions	5,554	33,684 tons	..	..	..	533,439
Other Vegetables	38,027	..	..	..	..	3,810,502
Turnips, Beet, &c., for fodder ..	1,949	11,473 tons	..	..	..	137,676
Mangolds and Pumpkins for Stock	378	2,730 tons	..	..	..	21,840
Tobacco	994	7,084 cwt	..	..	..	126,851
Hops	259	3,405 cwt.	..	..	..	66,738
Broom Millet	312	1,788 cwt. fibre	..	..	..	7,331
		1,226 cwt. seed	..	..	..	810
Chicory	451	861 tons	..	..	..	64,575
Flax	6,971	11,062 tons of straw	..	..	..	99,128
Linseed	3,793	27,500 bushels ..	..	..	..	59,194
Orchards—						
Productive	57,868	..	..	..	..	3,561,218
Unproductive	13,878	..	..	..	..	..
Grapes—						
Table	1,558	3,775 tons	..	..	..	132,125
Wine	6,135	15,987 tons	..	..	..	204,281
Drying	34,371	Wine made 3,080,512 gallons	..	..	..	..
		174,516 tons producing—	..	..	..	..
		30,238 tons of sultanas	..	..	..	2,234,422
		5,467 tons of raisins	..	..	..	404,821
		7,967 tons of currants	..	..	..	528,391
Vines, unproductive	3,545	..	..	..	..	..
Other Crops	6,210	..	..	..	..	382,917
Total Crops	4,644,841	..	..	..	..	50,432,196

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Includes Flour Tax payments.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.			For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
			Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.									
			Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1944-45	..	..	2,141,729	722,169	129,054	901,983	83,238	34,220	55,246
1945-46	..	..	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	1,060,496	63,000	33,607	56,512
1946-47	..	..	3,501,135	453,898	138,022	677,787	56,400	33,808	56,869
1947-48	..	..	3,227,162	650,119	164,189	657,146	59,400	33,641	57,943
1948-49	..	..	2,995,705	539,603	195,779	(c) 591,341	45,785	34,371	57,868
Total Production.									
			Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1944-45	..	..	3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	704,246	305,216	39,934	..
1945-46	..	..	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	1,444,250	230,749	49,430	..
1946-47	..	..	48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	985,224	223,782	43,303	..
1947-48	..	..	46,962,385	15,380,970	3,576,771	1,042,438	184,882	55,246	..
1948-49	..	..	49,063,560	7,489,601	3,547,691	933,983	166,105	43,672	..
Average Yield per Acre.									
			Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1944-45	..	..	1·63	1·85	2·79	0·78	3·67	1·17	..
1945-46	..	..	9·11	14·47	13·00	1·36	3·66	1·47	..
1946-47	..	..	13·99	14·10	16·82	1·45	3·97	1·28	..
1947-48	..	..	14·55	23·66	21·78	1·59	3·11	1·64	..
1948-49	..	..	16·38	13·88	18·12	1·58	3·63	1·27	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes, and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1948-49 amounted to 1,558, 6,135, and 3,545 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1948-49 was 13,878 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement. (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 37,690 acres and oats 234,305 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—			Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
				All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945	..	..	253,782	1,364,202	538,908	1,903,110	296,232	16,457,101
1946	..	..	232,473	1,299,769	527,318	1,827,087	271,887	14,655,277
1947	..	..	227,164	1,411,628	648,433	2,060,061	290,450	16,598,490
1948	..	..	221,454	1,476,379	697,824	2,174,203	271,492	17,931,173
1949	..	..	213,090	1,513,292	711,251	2,224,543	223,823	19,170,312

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price. per lb.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.
1943-44	163,838,577	32,576,650	196,415,227	13,290,073	16·24
1944-45	142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369	16·06
1945-46	109,236,140	43,161,367	152,397,507	9,527,048	15·00
1946-47	150,807,569	46,268,669	197,076,238	18,708,593	22·78
1947-48	157,866,750	33,137,130	191,003,880	29,851,792	37·51
1948-49	165,192,428	30,212,458	195,404,886	37,105,206	45·57

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Factories	9,250	10,949	11,642	12,691
Persons employed (a)—				
Males	136,218	188,758	199,003	208,222
Females	65,613	76,999	(c) 79,268	83,907
Total	201,831	265,757	(c) 278,271	292,129
Wages paid (b)—	£'000.	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males	29,006	63,035	76,312	90,774
Females	7,021	14,959	17,490	21,645
Total	36,027	77,994	93,802	112,419
Value of—	£'000.	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	7,201	8,340	(c) 10,617
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	6,516	7,449	8,979
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	170,224	203,122	(c) 244,487
Production (net)	65,996	131,496	158,501	(c) 182,755
Output	152,968	315,437	377,412	(c) 446,838
Land and buildings	42,026	62,752	66,229	73,384
Machinery and plant	38,570	59,125	65,829	76,080

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949(a).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000	£'000.
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	2,189	3,051	3,594
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	1,886	2,201	2,400
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils and grease	4,462	8,208	10,093	11,132
Industrial metals, machines, implements and conveyances	16,460	37,584	47,801	57,075
Precious metals, jewellery and plate	547	1,044	1,429	1,821
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	14,350	17,259	19,019
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	3,252	3,280	3,828
Clothing	7,865	15,860	18,887	22,809
Food, drink and tobacco	12,610	22,330	25,082	26,257
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	5,090	6,686	7,918
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	2,135	2,682	3,218
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	4,930	8,566	9,669	11,932
Rubber	1,573	2,542	3,194	3,534
Musical instruments	24	40	57	96
Miscellaneous products	722	3,386	3,840	4,375
Heat, light and power	2,328	3,034	3,290	3,747
Total	65,996	131,496	158,501	182,755

(a) Revised figures.

Note.—“ Added Value ” is the source from which provision is made for the following :—Salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1947-48.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
Primary—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£ s. d.
Agriculture	61,250	5,874	55,376	7,203	48,173	23 5 8
Pastoral	47,144	4,155	42,989	1,675	41,314	19 19 4
Dairying (e)	23,548	877	22,671	2,975	19,696	9 10 4
Poultry and Bee Farming	8,755	669	8,086	1,915	6,171	2 19 8
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	8,676	767	7,909	(c) 530	7,379	3 11 4
Mining.. ..	3,341	244	3,097	800	2,297	1 2 2
Total Primary ..	152,714	12,586	140,128	15,098	125,030	60 8 6
Manufacturing (d) ..	158,501	..	158,501	..	158,501	76 12 0
Total all Industries ..	311,215	12,586	298,629	15,098	283,531	137 0 6

(a) Gross value is defined as the value placed on recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stockfeed, seed costs, and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation and maintenance costs.

(c) Incomplete.

(d) Manufacturing is included at its net or added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1937-38 ..	8 0 10	9 19 2	5 12 10	1 11 10	1 2 0	0 18 6	34 17 4	62 2 6
1938-39 ..	2 19 11	8 1 8	5 6 3	1 13 6	0 18 1	0 18 7	35 3 11	55 1 11
1939-40 ..	6 6 0	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 12 5
1940-41 ..	3 14 0	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 15 10
1941-42 ..	7 18 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 5 10
1942-43 ..	9 13 0	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 9 1
1943-44 ..	8 1 6	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 2 7
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	10 1 8	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	93 19 7
1946-47 ..	14 6 11	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	108 12 11
1947-48 ..	23 5 8	19 19 4	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	137 0 6

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—BROWN COAL WON, BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED AND ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Brown Coal Won.		Briquettes Manufactured.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Yallourn Open Cut.	Yallourn North Open Cut.		Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	Tons'000	Tons'000	Tons'000	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions
1938-39 Year ..	3,643	(a)	400	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1945-46 " ..	5,449	49	493	185·7	1,408·9	1,594·6	185·2	1,329·1	1,514·3
1946-47 " ..	5,618	133	490	206·2	1,484·8	1,691·0	205·8	1,399·0	1,604·8
1947-48 " ..	5,994	197	545	230·2	1,674·3	1,904·5	228·0	1,582·1	1,810·1
1948-49 " ..	6,235	472	559	183·6	1,964·4	2,148·0	181·2	1,857·8	2,039·0
1947-48—									
March Quarter ..	1,400	45	129	37·0	385·4	422·4	36·6	364·1	400·7
June Quarter ..	1,606	66	141	36·8	494·7	531·5	36·1	469·0	505·1
1948-49—									
September Quarter	1,628	121	143	56·4	493·8	550·2	55·6	467·3	522·9
December Quarter	1,456	100	129	72·7	434·5	507·2	71·9	410·2	482·1
March Quarter ..	1,511	109	139	32·7	472·3	505·0	32·2	447·0	479·2
June Quarter ..	1,640	142	148	21·8	563·8	585·6	21·5	533·3	554·8
1949-50—									
September Quarter	1,683	217	158	44·5	566·5	611·0	43·8	535·3	579·1
December Quarter	1,487	176	131	72·5	483·0	555·5	71·7	454·5	526·2
March Quarter ..	1,563	176	149	32·1	516·8	548·9	31·8	487·5	519·3

(a) No operations during 1938-39.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE (a)—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.
(New Series.)

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1938 Year ..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 " ..	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1941 " ..	6,193	6,849	250	921	5,392	1,403	11,835	9,173
1942 " ..	262	225	58	260	2,135	636	2,455	1,121
1943 " ..	80	43	39	513	3,450	550	3,569	1,106
1944 " ..	263	177	30	126	6,398	895	6,691	1,198
1945 " ..	1,944	2,059	107	443	6,644	1,046	8,695	3,548
1946 " ..	7,292	9,875	241	1,314	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947 " ..	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 " ..	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 " ..	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1948—								
March Quarter ..	1,831	3,077	99	274	1,430	728	3,360	4,079
June Quarter ..	2,664	4,589	93	572	1,572	452	4,329	5,613
September Quarter	2,067	3,681	90	494	1,614	649	3,771	4,824
December Quarter ..	1,969	3,490	89	320	1,474	388	3,532	4,198
1949—								
March Quarter ..	2,660	4,853	77	691	1,627	478	4,364	6,022
June Quarter ..	3,021	5,723	96	370	1,676	507	4,793	6,600
September Quarter	2,662	5,028	97	401	1,810	686	4,539	6,115
December Quarter ..	2,425	4,787	61	384	1,807	471	4,323	5,642
1950—								
March Quarter ..	2,840	5,788	108	630	2,108	689	5,056	7,107

(a) The particulars are in respect of municipalities and parts of municipalities in the metropolitan area re-defined from 1st January, 1947. The statement is, therefore, not comparable with information shown on page 30 of the *Quarterly Abstract of Statistics* for December, 1946 (No. 1).

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1941 "	424	351	31	100	530	117	985	568
1942 "	57	41	12	20	264	29	333	90
1943 "	6	3	11	29	361	46	378	78
1944 "	30	15	19	23	474	91	523	129
1945 "	218	206	23	34	646	94	887	334
1946 "	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 "	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1948 "	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 "	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1948—								
March Quarter ..	162	237	11	14	194	41	367	292
June Quarter ..	217	318	7	156	198	59	422	533
September Quarter ..	232	345	6	207	212	53	450	605
December Quarter ..	189	303	9	66	228	98	426	467
1949—								
March Quarter ..	255	414	10	236	255	61	520	711
June Quarter ..	313	502	15	189	310	57	638	748
September Quarter ..	263	476	5	48	344	64	612	588
December Quarter ..	229	401	11	112	240	93	480	606
1950—								
March Quarter ..	266	483	10	36	198	123	474	642

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Shepparton, and Warrnambool, and the Town of Sale.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1941-42 ..	1,002	135	1,137	714	54	768
1941-42 Year ..	90	..	90	322	81	403
1942-43 " ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 " ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 " ..	747	345	1,092	539	115	654
1945-46 " ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 " ..	2,069	930	2,999	893	552	1,445
1947-48 " ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,416	809	2,225
1948-49 " ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1948-49—						
September Quarter ..	361	243	604	423	185	608
December Quarter ..	208	123	331	445	301	746
March Quarter ..	222	65	287	241	184	425
June Quarter ..	430	195	625	344	234	578
1949-50—						
September Quarter ..	(b) 278	(b) 192	(b) 470	445	305	750
December Quarter ..	(b) 468	(b) 243	(b) 711	477	254	731
March Quarter ..	(b) 87	(b) 119	(b) 206	238	154	392
Total to 31st March, 1950 ..	(b) 9,359	(b) 4,261	(b) 13,620	7,583	3,432	11,015

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Subject to revision.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.